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PRODUCING FORKED ROOTS OF)	
TURBINE BLADES)	
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US 5,676,505 (GAUSS, Roland et al.)

DE 199 42 542 (MANNESMANN, Sachs AG)

US 5,931,616 (DAUB, Juergen)

Patent Nos. US 5,676,505 and DE 199 42 542 were also noted in the Information Disclosure Statement filed September 23, 2003.

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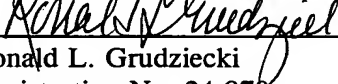
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